

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) Shuttlecock, comprising
an approximately conical crown (2), wherein the crown (2) includes an integrally formed fastening element (26) disposed in a region of the small end of the crown,
a striking cap (3), which is essentially dome-shaped at least in a front section (31), when viewed in the flight direction, and which is anchored in the fastening element (26), ~~characterized by, and~~
at least one ring (4) which is releasably attached to the crown (2) and surrounds the crown (2).
2. (currently amended) Shuttlecock according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein, when the at least one ring (4) is installed, its position is fixed by an applied pretension produced, on one hand, by the conical exterior surface (21) of the crown (2) and, on the other hand, by a rear boundary wall (34) of the striking cap (3).
3. (currently amended) Shuttlecock according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one ring (4) is made of an elastic material.
4. (currently amended) Shuttlecock according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the an inside diameter of the at least one ring (4) is smaller than the an outside diameter of the striking cap (3).

5. (currently amended) Shuttlecock according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, characterized in that wherein the outside diameter of the at least one ring (4) is greater than the outside diameter of the striking cap ~~(3)~~.
6. (currently amended) Shuttlecock according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, characterized in that wherein the at least one ring (4) is made of one chosen from the group consisting of thermoplastic polyolefins, polyethylene, polypropylene, EPDM, TBE-EPDM, ~~or~~ and rubber.
7. (currently amended) Shuttlecock according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, characterized in that wherein the at least one ring (4) has a substantially toroidal surface.
8. (currently amended) Shuttlecock according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, characterized in that wherein the at least one ring (4) has a weight of approximately between 10 and 70 percent of the weight of the shuttlecock without the at least one ring being installed.
9. (currently amended) Shuttlecock according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, characterized in that wherein the at least one ring (4) has a weight of approximately between 1 and 25 grams.
10. (currently amended) Shuttlecock according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, characterized in that wherein the material of the at least one ring (4) has a Shore value in the range of approximately 40 to 90, ~~preferably approximately 70~~.

11. (currently amended) Shuttlecock according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the at least one ring (4) has an outside diameter of approximately 25 to 70 mm and an inside diameter of approximately 15 to 40 mm.
12. (currently amended) Shuttlecock according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the exterior surface of the crown (2) has a length of approximately between 33 and 43 mm and the striking cap (3) has a diameter of approximately between 20 and 30 mm, and ~~that in addition~~ the crown (2) has approximately the shape of a straight truncated cone and the surface of the base covered by the cone has a diameter of approximately 45 to 55 mm.
13. (currently amended) Shuttlecock according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, ~~characterized in that further comprising several rings (4a, 4b), preferably~~ approximately two to four rings are applied, which are made of the same material and have the same dimensions.
14. (currently amended) Shuttlecock according to ~~one of the claims 1 to 12,~~ ~~characterized in that further comprising several rings are applied,~~ having at least one characteristic from the group consisting of ~~which have different dimensions and/or are being made of materials having different densities.~~
15. (currently amended) Shuttlecock according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the at least one ring (4) is at least one of capable of emitting ~~emits light and/or is equipped with ornamental light sticks.~~
16. (currently amended) Shuttlecock according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ an opening (40) is provided in the striking cap (3), so that acoustic resonances can be produced by an impinging airflow.

17. (new) Shuttlecock according to claim 1, wherein the material of the at least one ring has a Shore value of approximately 70.

18. (new) Shuttlecock according to claim 1, further comprising two to four rings, which are made of the same material and have the same dimensions.